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Reading Is For Everyone

Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

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Everyone can read.
The ideas, information, and pleasure found in books and magazines are for everyone.

To

The Program

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress publishes books and magazines in braille and in recorded form on discs and cassettes for readers who are blind or cannot hold, handle, or read conventional print because of a physical handicap.

Through a national network of state and local libraries, the materials are loaned free to eligible readers of the United States and U.S. citizens living abroad.

Books and Magazines

Readers may borrow bestsellers, classics, mysteries, westerns, poetry, history, biographies, religious literature, children's books, and foreign-language materials. Readers may also subscribe to more than seventy popular magazines in braille and recorded formats such as *Good Housekeeping, Foreign Affairs, Sports Illustrated, and National Geographic.*

Special Equipment
Special equipment needed to play the discs and cassettes, which are recorded at slower than conventional speeds, is loaned indefinitely to readers. Attachments such as earphones, speed controls, and pillowphones are also provided.

Book Reviews and Catalogs
Readers are informed about new books and services through *Talking Book Topics* (in large print or on flexible disc) and *Braille Book Review* (in large print and in braille). These two bimonthly publications announce newly released books, carry feature articles by authors about books, and include information on related library services. Readers may also receive special subject bibliographies of braille and recorded books and two-year cumulative catalogs.

Music Services
Books and periodicals in braille and recorded formats about music, braille and large-print music scores, and instructional cassettes for piano, organ, guitar, and other instruments may be borrowed directly from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Application for Free Library Service

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

I would like to receive an application and the name of my cooperating library.

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Reference Services
Print information of the Library of Congress program, including bibliographies and circulars, and other subjects relating to blindness and physical handicaps, are also available.

Volunteers
Volunteers throughout the country provide services that would not be available otherwise. The Telephone Pioneers of America, a national volunteer association of senior and retired telephone workers, maintains and repairs talking-book and cassette machines free of charge.

Other volunteer groups braille and record books in English to supplement the national collection. Books in German, Russian, French, and Hebrew are also recorded. The Library of Congress program also provides training for volunteer braillists and narrators for some of the books.

Eligibility
You are eligible for the Library of Congress program if:

- You are legally blind—your vision in the better eye is 20/200 or less with correcting glasses, or your widest diameter of visual field is no greater than 20 degrees.
- You cannot see well enough or focus long enough to read standard print, although you wear glasses to correct your vision.
- You are unable to handle print books or turn pages because of a physical handicap.
- You are certified by a medical doctor as having a reading disability due to an organic dysfunction, which is of sufficient severity to prevent reading in a normal manner.

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